

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES INCURRED BY MINES OF WCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 37 out of 65 coal mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. spread across Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh are incurring heavy losses;
- (b) if so, the details of such losses in each of the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by the WCL to make these loss-making mines profitable during the last two years; and
- (d) the outcome obtained as a result of these efforts ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Out of 78 working coal mines of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) spread over Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh as on 31.03.2005, 34 mines were incurring losses.

(b) The details of losses incurred by loss making mines for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under :

Year	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	(Prov.)
No. of Loss making Mines	49	44	34	
Loss (Rs.Crore)	424.22	395.09	233.53	

(c) The steps taken by WCL to make these loss-making mines profitable are as under:-

- (i) Progressive mechanization of underground mines wherever geo-mining conditions permit.
- (ii) Re-organisation of loss making mines by amalgamation of mines and conversion of transport network from haulage to belt conveyor.
- (iii) Adoption of Mass Production Technology i.e. Continuous Miner Technology in underground mines.
- (iv) Conversion of underground mines to opencast mines wherever geo-mining conditions permit.

(d) A total of 49 mines were in loss as on 01.04.2003. After taking above measures, the number of loss making mines have been reduced to 34 as on 01.04.2005.